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LOS ANGELES(CNS)--A CRIMINALIST WHO WORKED ON THE ROBERT F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION CASE TODAY FILED A \$2 MILLION LIBEL SUIT AGAINST A WOMAN ATTORNEY WHO HAS TRIED TO BLOCK HIS APPOINTMENT AS PERMANENT HEAD OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE CRIME LABORATORY.

THE SUIT WAS FILED IN SUPERIOR COURT BY DEWAYNE (CAPS D W) M. WOLFER, WHO SUBSEQUENTLY TESTIFIED FOR THE PROSECUTION AT THE TRIAL OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, CONVICTED AND CONDEMNED TO DEATH FOR KENNEDY'S MURDER.

NAMED IN THE COMPLAINT WAS BARBARA WARNER BLEHR, WHO LAST MAY 28 IN A LETTER TO CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION CLAIMED THAT WOLFER WAS "GUILTY OF VIOLATING PROPER PROCEDURES IN THE BALLISTICS INVESTIGATION" OF THE ASSASSINATION.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CURRENTLY IS INVESTIGATING THE CHARGES.

WOLFER, IN THE SUIT FILED BY ATTORNEY JOHN T. LAFOLLETTE, CLAIMED MRS. BLEHR "INTENTIONALLY, MALICIOUSLY AND WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION" WROTE "UNTRUTHFUL ACCUSATIONS" ABOUT HIM.

HE ALSO CLAIMED HE HAS AN "EXCELLENT AND UNQUESTIONED REPUTATION" AND HER STATEMENTS DAMAGED HIS REPUTATION, MADE HIM LOSE PROFESSIONAL STANDING AND RESULTED IN LOST EARNINGS.

WOLFER'S SUIT ALLEGED THAT HE HAS BEEN "GREATLY HUMILIATED AND VEXED" BY MRS. BLEHR'S ACCUSATIONS.

THE COMPLAINT SOUGHT \$1 MILLION ACTUAL AND \$1 MILLION PUNITIVE DAMAGES.

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